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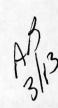
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| NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Ascendiant     | Securities, LLC                               | F           | OFFICIAL USE ONLY       |  |
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| Irvine                                | CA  | 92          | 612                     |  |
| (City)                                | (State)                                       | (Zip C      | (Zip Code)              |  |
| NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSO    | ON TO CONTACT IN REGARD                       |             | Γ<br>03-8840            |  |
| Monaci C. Brown                       |   |             | Code – Telephone Number |  |
| B. ACCOU                              | NTANT IDENTIFICATION                          | 1           |                         |  |
| Spicer Jeffries LLP                   |   |             |                         |  |
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| CHECK ONE:                            |   |             |                         |  |
| Certified Public Accountant           |   |             |                         |  |
| ☐ Public Accountant                   |   |             |                         |  |
| ☐ Accountant not resident in United S | States or any of its possessions.             |             |                         |  |
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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)



### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

| I, Michael O. Brown        | Michael O. Brown , swear (or affirm) that, to the best   |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| my knowledge and belief t  | the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of                |  |
| Ascendiant Securities, LLC | C , a  |  |
| of December 31             | , 2014, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that   |  |
| neither the company nor a  | any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account     |  |
| • •                        | f a customer, except as follows:   |  |
|                            |  |  |
|                            | NONE   |  |
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|                            | Jums 10 Muhaelo Brown  |  |
| <u> </u>                   | FEB Signature  |  |
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|                            | ting to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.                                      |  |
|                            | , including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the        |  |
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|                            | between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of         |  |
| consolidation.             |  |  |
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| (n) A report describing    | ng any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous au |  |

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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## **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of Ascendiant Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ascendiant Securities, LLC (the "Company") (a California corporation), which comprise the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of income, changes in member's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that are filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements and supplemental information. The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of the Company as of December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ Anton & Chia, LLP

Newport Beach, CA

February 26, 2015

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **ASSETS**

| Cash Other assets                     | \$        | 20,307<br>2,866 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                                       | <u>\$</u> | 23,173          |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY       |           |                 |
| LIABILITIES:                          |           |                 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$        | 3,999           |
| Income taxes and penalties payable    |           | 10,035          |
| Total liabilities                     |           | 14,034          |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES         |           |                 |
| MEMBER'S EQUITY                       |           | 9,139           |
|                                       | <u>\$</u> | 23,173          |

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **EXPENSES:**

| NET LOSS   | •  | (8.670) |
|--|----|---------|
| Other general and administrative expenses (Note 3) |    | 4,979   |
| Regulatory fees                                    |    | 1,836   |
| Consulting and professional fees                   | \$ | 1,855   |

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

| BALANCE, December 31, 2013 | \$ 14,809 |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Contributions (Note 3)     | 3,000     |
| Net loss                   | (8,670)   |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2014 | \$ 9,139  |

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

| CASH FLO | OWS FROM         | <b>OPERATING</b> | ACTIVITIES: |
|----------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| CHOILIE  | 2 44 D T. T.COTA | CILLICATION      | ACTIVITIES. |

| Net loss  | \$          | (8,670) |
|---|-------------|---------|
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in |             |         |
| operating activities:                                 |             |         |
| Non-cash management fees                              |             | 3,000   |
| Increase in other assets                              |             | (736)   |
| Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses     |             | 514     |
| Decrease in income taxes and penalties payable        | <del></del> | 395     |
| NET DECREASE IN CASH                                  |             | (5,497) |
| CASH, at beginning of year                            |             | 25,804  |
| CASH, at end of year                                  | <u>\$</u>   | 20,307  |
|   |             |         |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:     |             |         |
| Management fees contributed to capital                | \$          | 3,000   |
| Income taxes paid                                     | \$          | 800     |

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Organization and Business

Ascendiant Securities, LLC (the "Company") was incorporated in the state of Nevada on August 19, 2003 and commenced operations on January 20, 2004. The Company is wholly owned by Ascendiant Capital Group, LLC ("ACG" or the "Parent"). The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") as a broker-dealer in securities and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

#### 15c3-3 Exemption

The Company, under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i), is exempt from both the customer reserve requirement and the possession and control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not carry or clear customer accounts.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of cash in banks. The recorded value of cash (and any other financial instruments) approximates fair value at December 31, 2014. For purposes of the financial statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2014, the Company had no cash equivalents.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recorded upon the close of the related transaction.

#### Reclassification

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

#### Income Taxes

All income and losses of the Company are passed through to the Parent and the Parent reports these on its income tax return. There is no entity level tax for the Company for federal purposes. The state of California imposes an \$800 annual tax and a gross receipts fee based on the total income from all sources reportable to the state.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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#### Income Taxes (continued)

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The Company is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any tax related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and may file income tax returns in various U.S. states. The Company is not subject to income tax return examinations by major taxing authorities for years before 2010. The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in the Company recording a tax liability that reduces net assets. However, the Company's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income taxes payable, if assessed. Penalties of \$395 has been recognized for the year ended December 31, 2014.

#### NOTE 2 - Going Concern

For the Company to stay compliant as a public entity, we will have to comply with numerous financial reporting and legal requirements, including those pertaining to audits and internal control. The costs of this compliance could be significant. If our revenues are insufficient, and/or we cannot satisfy many of these costs through the issuance of our shares, we may be unable to satisfy these costs in the normal course of business that would result in our being unable to continue as a going concern.

#### NOTE 3 - NET CAPITAL

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. At December 31, 2014, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$6,273 and \$5,000, respectively. The Company's net capital ratio (aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 2.24 to 1. According to Rule 15c3-1, the Company's net capital ratio shall not exceed 15 to 1.

#### NOTE 4 - COMMITMENTS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company may be obligated to pay management fees to ACG for general and administrative support provided to the Company. However, ACG determined that for the year ended December 31, 2014 such fee would not be due by the Company due to the lack of activity in the Company until such time as the Company recommences business. ACG contributed \$3,000 to capital during the year ended December 31, 2014.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

# NOTE 5 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company's financial instruments, including prepaid expenses, deposits, accounts payable and accrued expenses and income taxes and penalties payable, are carried at amounts that approximate fair value, due to the short-term nature of the instruments.

During the normal course of business, the Company has made certain indemnities and guarantees under which it may be required to make payments in relation to certain transactions. These indemnities include certain agreements with the Company's officers, under which the Company may be required to indemnify such persons for liabilities arising out of their current relationship. The duration of these indemnities and guarantees varies and, in certain cases, is indefinite. The majority of these indemnities and guarantees do not provide for any limitation of the maximum potential future payments the Company could be obligated to make. Historically, the Company has not been obligated to make any payments for these obligations and as of December 31, 2014 there are no known liabilities required to be recorded for these indemnities and guarantees in the accompanying financial statements.

At times, the Company may maintain cash balances in excess of the FDIC limit of \$250,000 At December 31, 2014, the Company did not have a cash balance that was in excess of the FDIC limit.

#### NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through date the financial statements were issued, which was February 26, 2015. The evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that required disclosures and/or adjustments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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## COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO SEC UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

| CREDIT:  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Member's equity  | \$ 9,139         |
| DEBITS:  |                  |
| Nonallowable assets:                                     |                  |
| Other assets   | 2,866            |
| NET CAPITAL  |                  |
| Minimum requirements of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness |                  |
| of \$14,035 or \$5,000, whichever is greater             | 5,000            |
| Excess net capital                                       | <u>\$ 1,273</u>  |
| AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS:                                  |                  |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                    | \$ 3,999         |
| Income taxes and penalties payable                       | 10,035           |
| Total aggregate indebtedness                             | <u>\$ 14,035</u> |
| RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL           | 2.24 to 1        |

**NOTE:** There are no material differences between the above computation of net capital and the corresponding computation by the Company with the unaudited Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2014.



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## **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5(g)(1) FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15c-3-3

To the Member of Ascendiant Securities, LLC

In planning and performing out audit of the financial statements of Ascendiant Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing out auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computation of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences by Rule 17a-13,
- 2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's previously mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 7a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is reasonable possibility that material misstatement of the Company's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31 2014 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Members, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

**ANTON & CHIA, LLP** 

Gregory Anton Wahl, CPA

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Firm Founder and Managing Partner



## **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of Ascendiant Securities, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report in which (1) Ascendiant Securities, LLC identified the following provision of 17 C.F.R 15c3-3k under which Ascendiant Securities, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R 240.15c3-3: (2) (ii) the exemption provisions and (2) Ascendiant Securities, LLC stated that Ascendiant Securities, LLC met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception Ascendiant Securities, LLC management is responsible for compliance with the identified exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and accordingly included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about Ascendiant Securities, LLC compliance with the exemption provisions review is substantially less in scope that an examination the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on managements statements. Accordingly we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to managements statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated in all material respects based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k) 2(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ Anton & Chia, LLP February 26, 2015

# EXEMPTION REPORT REQUIREMENT FOR BROKER/DEALERS UNDER RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

#### **December 31, 2014**

To the best knowledge and belief of Ascendiant Securities, LLC:

The Company claimed the (k)(2)(i) exemption provision from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Company met the (k)(2)(i) exemption provision from Rule 15c3-3, without exception, throughout the most recent fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

Michael O. Brown

Financial and Operations Principal